NEWS continued

CHICAGO: Christian Mendenhall is currently teaching Focus, an excellent communication workshop, created by this ministry and taught over many years in many cities. Christian is a fine teacher, and if you would like to attend please call him in Chicago at 348-3606 any weekday after 7p.m.

NEW YORK: Barbara Blair has been busy promoting the virtues of membership in our prayer fellowship, the Circle of Power. As a result, her aunt and her aunt's sister, both of whom live in West Helena, Arkansas, have become members, and Barbara's aunt, Bessie Murphy, says many wonderful things have happened in her life since she became a member. We look forward to seeing Barbara in Las Vegas this summer.

ANDERSON, S.C.: Flash, a – chiropractor by profession, has been active in the hospitals near his home. Our photo shows him lighting up this young lady's day!

INTERNATIONAL

HAITI: Many will remember Hurricane Gilbert, which did such damage in the Caribbean region last autumn. Member Rev. Bernadel Dalton's orphanage was damaged, and he spent much time in repairs. By Christmas, however everything was pretty well back to normal, and he was able to give the orphans a great Christmas dinner at which he, the children and staff sang, prayed and praised the name of God. He thanks us for his assistance in helping to make this possible.

Tucking into Christmas dinner! Rev. Dalton is in the background helping to serve out.

KUMASI, GHANA: John Nyantayi is both a prayer fellowship member and a member of the Action Church of Christ in Kumasi. He reports that they have two branches with 520 members in all, and John has become greatly involved in these activities since recently moving to Kumasi from Adukrom-Akwapim.

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LETTERS

Many thanks for your letter, and I was glad to have further information about The Foundation's work with animals as well as man.

I was of course aware of The Foundation Faith of God's interest in the welfare and care of animals from my contact some years ago with Rev. John Christopher.

I enjoy reading your Newsletters particularly the work of the Clown Ministry, which has done so much to ease the suffering and distress of children in hospitals.

Clive Hollands, Secretary
St. Andrew Animal Fund
Edinburgh, Scotland

Dear Grace,

Nevada Association for the Handicapped would like to extend a big thank you for your continued volunteer support throughout the year. Our clients and staff look forward to your visits and entertainment!

Also, please find enclosed a contribution check from NAH. We also would like to be placed on your newsletter mailing list.

Again, thank you!

Beverly Thalmann
Business Manager

FEEDBACK

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

☐ The Circle of Power is an international prayer fellowship, the members of which spend time each day in prayer for the sick and troubled. Every month we send out a letter containing testimonies to the Lord's healing and news of members together with a prayer list. If you would like to add your prayers to those of all members, please check the box and return this section to us.

MAILING LIST

☐ I would like you to add me to your mailing list to receive your quarterly Newsletter.

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☐ THE WORLD IS HELL

The following are original compositions channeled by Rev. Andrew Michaels.

☐ THE EVERLASTING CRIME & THE INNOCENT ONES
☐ ...AND NOW, A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR
☐ SEASONS
☐ TALES OF WONDER

If you have checked any of the boxes above, please PRINT your name and address below, cut out this panel and mail it to: The Foundation Faith of GOD, P.O. Box 11375, Las Vegas, NV 89111-1375, U.S.A.

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SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

The Lord's Celebration, 1-2PM at Faith Center. Our weekly fellowship. A gathering together in the Lord. Praise, prayer, music, renewal, and special prayers for those in need of healing.

HEALING & COUNSELING

Ministers are available at Faith Center for counseling and healing prayers. Please call **(702) 367-6808** to schedule an appointment.
We also maintain a Healing Prayer Book in which we enter the names of all those requesting prayers. If you wish to have your name entered, or that of a friend or relative, please call with your prayer request.

NEWSBRIEFS

LOCAL

Photo: Humana Sunrise

Daffydil using sign language with this little deaf boy at Sunrise Hospital to explain the magic coloring book. Daffydil also sees him during her visits to the special program for deaf and hard-of-hearing children at Ruby Thomas Elementary School where he is a student.

CLOWN MINISTRY: Daffydil (Rev. Nathania Gartman), Sparky (Sister Robin Asher), and Starbright (Sister Sion McCormick) visited Amargosa Cottage at Child Haven. Sparky and Starbright did face painting with the girls with very artistic results! Meanwhile Daffydil played with the girls who were awaiting their turn for face painting. She taught them how to make animals from one kind of balloon and apples from another kind. The girls enjoyed the clowns so much they asked all month when they could do face painting again, and on her next visit the girls made Daffydil promise an encore in the very near future!

The following is the story of a boy first met by Lilac (Rev. Grace Michaels) and Daffydil on a January visit to Temporary Assistance for Domestic Crisis (TADC). The visit was very lively, and the children were all given hooded sweatshirts (generously donated by a California T shirt manufacturer) with the Clown Ministry logo. It was cold outside and David (not his real name) pulled up the hood of his new shirt and went outside to play at the end of the clown visit. His mother came out to thank the clowns as they were leaving and said, "He certainly likes that sweatshirt! I was trying to get him to wear a hat and he wouldn't, but now he's keeping warm without being pushed!" Some time later at University Medical Center (UMC) Lilac saw David and his mom again. He was a patient in the pediatric ward. He and his mom were very glad to see Lilac again, and his mom showed Lilac that the sweatshirt was on the bedside table. She said that he liked the shirt so much that every day after school he would take it off and ask her to wash it so that he could wear it again the next day! Next month David was back at TADC. When Daffydil found out that David was having a birthday the next day she collected a bundle of special presents so that David could have a very happy birthday. He and his mom were very glad of all the encouragement from their clown friends.

Lilac and Cookie (Rev. Raphael de Peyer) regularly sing a well known song called "Magic Penny" to the children at UMC. One little girl who was there with brain damage as a result of an accident, and who the clowns saw for many weeks was especially touched by the song, as were her parents. Betsy is now being treated in California and is progressing. Betsy's father met Lilac one day and especially requested she send him the words to "Magic Penny" so that he could sing it to Betsy: a good example of the healing touch of music.

Very recently the Henderson Home News ran a two page spread on the Salvation Army Adult Daycare Center. Part of their photo essay was an excellent picture of Lilac and one of their clients. Fifi, the activities therapist, says the seniors in her program always look forward to the lively humor Lilac's sing-alongs create.

Photo: DDC Staff

A musically talented client at DDC enjoys a duet with Lilac.

Speaking of lively, volunteer Vittorio the Clown (Victor Flores) has been clowning non-stop! He brings friends and family on our visits, and often gives out balloon animals or wooden name tags which he makes himself. Vittorio has the gift of being both cheerful and compassionate, expecially with the folks at Nevada Association for the Handicapped (NAH), and Desert Developmental Center (DDC). And a special thank you to Junior (Silvia Lee), who has been coming on visits for may months.

Photo: Humana Sunrise

This little boy at Sunrise gurgles with delight at being introduced to Garfield by Coconut (Rev. Maria Perchuk).

And speaking of volunteers, you might be interested in the following. A recent Gallup poll showed that while the number of volunteers nationwide had not increased that number of volunteers increased its volunteer time from an average 2½ hours per week in 1981 to 3½ in 1985 and the trend is continuing. As well as responding to need the increase is also due to something else volunteers learn, which is that the activity is personally rewarding. "Psychology Today" recently reported findings that indicate that giving care to another benefits not only the recipient but the donor as well. This must seem obvious to our readers, but we find it interesting when scientists find physiological benefits as, for example, in the fact that people who interact and are compassionate to others have a higher resistence to disease than the self-absorbed. Even vicarious participation can benefit the body. A group of college students were given blood tests before and after viewing a film of Mother Teresa tending the sick and dying of Calcutta, and the tests showed the disease fighting cells had multiplied as a result of viewing the work of this caring nun. Even vicarious positivity pays!

PET THERAPY: Rev. Abigail Johns and pet therapists Teddy, Pippin and Scruffy went room to room at Vegas Valley Convalescent Hospital after which they headed for the activities room to join in a birthday party. As they went table to table, the entertainer broke into "How Much Is That Doggie In The Window," and all three tails promptly started wagging extra hard, and everyone had a good laugh!

Rev. Johns and Scruffy on a visit to Gaye Haven met up with the resident dog, Nemo, and after Nemo made sure that Scruffy was not there to usurp his place, the two of them made everyone laugh with their antics. All three pet therapists went along to Charleston Residential Care Hotel, and met most of their friends in the lobby. From there they went to the TV room to check out the program and say "Hello" to the clients and resident parakeets. Then on to the poker room, led by Teddy, probably looking for goodies, but perhaps he is into poker on the side!

Photo: Rev. Grace Michaels

A resident at Henderson Convalescent Hospital clearly enjoys the company of Hifi and Fritz.

ANIMAL ACTION: Our very special thanks to the Tiberti Fence Co. in Las Vegas, and Ferro Union in Torrence, California, for fencing, pipe and gates for use at Best Friends Animal Sanctuary. Rev. Faith Maloney, the Director, was absolutely delighted with these materials, which provide much needed items for animal runs.

Do not forget that Best Friends cares for hundreds of animals that need loving homes. Call us at 367-6808 for information and ask for Rev. Jana de Peyer.

NATIONAL

ATLANTA: Fluffy (Jennifer Maxfield) and her friends from Civitan held a great Valentine's Day party for the adults and children at Georgia Retardation Center. One young lady, who had not previously responded, really took to the clowns and the attention she received. All the clients really enjoy both blowing bubbles and having them blown. Meanwhile the Circle of Power is meeting regularly. Call Margery Kellar, 633-4420, for details.